

[21 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

1997 - "GURU" (MALAYALAM)

1998 - "JEANS" (TAMIL)

1999 - "1947-EARTH" (HINDI)

(c) As the awards are conferred by the Academy as per their selection process, rules and regulations, no specific reasons can be attributed for non-recceipt of any Award by Indian films.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) above.

#### **Report of Manisana Committee**

† 2996. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received the report of Manisana Committee;
- (b) if so, when the said report was received by Government;
- (c) whether Government have also taken any action, so far, to implement the said report; and
- (d) if so, what are the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The Manisana Wage Board, set up to fix and revise the rates of wages for Working Journalists and Non-journalist Newspapers and News Agency Employees, has submitted its final report to the Government on 25th July, 2000. The report is under examination of the Government. The Government would make all efforts to implement, within shortest possible period, the recommendations of the Wage Board.

#### **Setting up of Air Stations and TV Transmitters in Orissa**

2997. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set up AIR stations and low power TV transmitters in some more districts of Orissa;

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether any survey for the purpose has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All India Radio and Doordarshan have extensive data on population and area coverage of their existing transmitters. Before deciding the location of transmitters various factors like existing coverage in the area, the extent of resultant coverage of the new transmitter, need to provide services to remote, tribal, backward, hilly and sensitive border areas are taken into account. Besides the above, the economic and cultural importance of a place is also taken into account.

#### **Exposure of Vulgarly in TV Programmes**

2998. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised or propose to devise any method to check exposure of vulgarity in the programmes aired through foreign TV channels; and

(b) what action Government have taken and whether they propose to set up a tribunal or judicial body for timely detection and prosecution of such channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The distribution through cable television networks of programmes of foreign satellite TV channels is governed by the provisions of the Cable Television networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules made thereunder. As per Section 5 and 6 of the Cable Television networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, no cable operator shall transmit or retransmit any programme or advertisement on his cable service, unless these are in conformity with the prescribed codes. However, free to air programmes of foreign satellite channels are exempted from this provision. Enforcement of these provisions are to be done by the authorized officers to be notified by the respective State Governments. Some of the State Governments have not notified authorised officers for purposes of all the